

ENGLAND and Russia are still talking war. No battle yet.

PEACE again reigns in Panama, thanks to the prompt action of Admiral Jonett.

GEN. GRANT continues to improve. He is so much better that he has begun to lay out work on his book.

Among the junketing members of the house is Templeman, one of the Democratic representatives from this district. He will not be missed much, though. He might about as well be in New Orleans or on his Logan county farm all the time, for all the good he does in Springfield. He helps to make up a quorum when present, but that's about all.

The action of the Chicago Board of Trade yesterday, in cutting off the wires which connected the new building with the broker shops, has created the greatest consternation among the petty concerns which live by fleecing the small country suckers. If they were all driven out of existence the country would be better off.

During the campaign the Republican charge that a Democratic administration would attempt to render nugatory the constitutional amendments was ridiculed by the Bourbon press and speakers, but the prophecy has come true, all the same. Attorney General Garland, in his opinion concerning the eligibility of an unpardoned rebel to hold office, in effect nullifies the fourteenth amendment, and does just what the Republicans charged that the Democrats intended to do.

A large number of the members of the legislature left Springfield last night bound for New Orleans, among them Speaker Haines. This action upon the part of the junketing members is little short of disgraceful, and their constituents will not soon forget it. Nearly four months of the session gone by, only two bills have reached the executive office, and a large minority of the members off on a week or ten days pleasure trip. But their pay goes on all the same.

Ex Gov. Hamilton has formed a law partnership in Chicago with William J. Campbell and Jacob R. Custer, the style of the firm being Campbell, Hamilton & Custer. Mr. Campbell is, and has been for years, a Senator from Cook county, and during Gov. Hamilton's administration was president of that body and ex-officio Lieutenant Governor. He is now president pro tem. of the Senate. The firm is an exceptionally strong one, and will certainly take a high rank at the Chicago bar.

Thus turning out of Republican officials by President Cleveland, and the filling of their places by Democrats who have grown "attenuated and diaphanous" by forcible and protracted abstinence from official pabulum, is the subject which seems to have taken complete possession of the mind of our neighbor of the Review. It is painful to see a man who has heretofore shown an ability to grapple with all sorts of questions thus become possessed, as it were, of a single idea, to the exclusion of all others. It betokens a breaking down of the mental forces, and is a finger-board, so to speak, pointing the way to a cell in the mad house.

Our thirty-two young men of New York City who were examined last week for West Point cadetships, only nine were accepted as physically sound. Such a note might well make the young men of our cities pause for a moment's thought. No man who violates the laws of health can long have a healthy body. How few there are who do not study fashion and humor appetite more than they do the laws that pertain to a healthy body. Beer, the cigarette, too much amusement, and the hidden vices, are making havoc with the physical manhood of all our towns and cities.

Thousands Say So. Mr. T. W. Atkins, Grand, Kan., writes "I need medicine to recommend your Electro Bitters to my customers, they give entire satisfaction and are rapid and best medicine for colds, and will positively cure kidney and liver complaints, purify the blood and regulate the bowels. No family can afford to be without them. They will save hundreds of dollars in doctor's bills every year. Sold at fifty cents a bottle by Swearingen & Hubbard."

"To the Ladies of Decatur and surrounding towns: W. F. Bushner carries the latest styles in Ladies' Misses and children's fine shoes. Also a full line of Spring styles of Slippers, for all sizes and widths. Misses' Spring Heel Shoes, in Pebble, Goat and Kid from \$1.25 to \$2.00. Give him a call and examine his goods. Low prices and good goods is his motto. A handsome souvenir presented to each lady purchasing a pair of shoes. Don't forget the place, 152 E. Main-st., Decatur, Ill. dit

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BY TELEGRAPH

WILL HE WIN?

The Society of the Army of the Potomac Honors the Old Commander.

Colonel Fred Grant's Answer to the Question, "Do You Think He Will Win This Battle?"

The Conspicuous Once More Busily at Work Upon His Military Memoirs.

New York, May 1.—This afternoon Mr. Francis P. Stevens, of Baltimore, and General Horatio C. King, of Aberdeen, of the Society of the Army of the Potomac, called at General Grant's house to present the resolutions of congratulation upon the General's sixty-third birthday, and of sympathy in his edition, passed by the Society last Monday. The delegates were cordially met by Colonel Fred Grant, who expressed regret that the General could not greet them personally.

Mr. Stevens, in presenting the resolutions, said the people of Baltimore greatly desired General Grant's presence at the reunion of the Army of the Potomac on the 6th and 7th.

Colonel Grant promised to convey this wish to his father, adding: "I can only say that he is anxious to be with you, and is staying up his length and doing all he can to be able to do so. I think it is possible, but I can not say that it is probable."

"Do you think the General will win this battle?" asked General King, to which Colonel Grant replied: "It looks like it does, but I can not tell. He is much better to-day, and for the first time since his severe spell has been at work upon his book. He has dictated to-day enough to make about twenty days' work of it. He is much better, on this account he has not been out."

The delegation then withdrew, after expressing their pleasure at hearing of the General's continued improvement.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Excluded to a Pension. Washington, D. C., May 1.—Commissioner of Pensions Black has decided that Mrs. De Long, widow of the late Lieutenant Commander De Long of the Jeannette, is entitled to a pension. The Commissioner holds that an order of the Secretary of the Navy detailing Lieutenant De Long to special duty at New York, and then to the command of the Jeannette, changed his status from "absent on leave" to "active duty," and therefore entitles his widow to a pension.

Seeking Legal Advice. Washington, D. C., May 1.—The Secretary of the Interior yesterday sent to the Attorney-General the lease of the Central Pacific Railroad to the Southern Pacific Company. Secretary Lamar is said to be anxious to see the validity of the leases in question before he takes action sanctioning them.

Garland's Assistant. Washington, D. C., May 1.—It is understood that a successor to Assistant Attorney-General McComan, of the Interior Department, has been selected. It is thought that Mr. Montgomery, a San Francisco lawyer of prominence, has been selected. Mr. Montgomery was a classmate of Attorney-General Garland.

Contract Awarded. Washington, D. C., May 1.—The contract for furnishing cast iron doors and window frames for the new wings of the State War and Navy Department buildings has been awarded to W. H. Jackson & Co., of New York City, for \$70,000.

Pension Certificates. Washington, D. C., May 1.—The total number of pension certificates issued from the Commissioner's office during the present month was 8,199, against 1,153 in April, 1884.

Mint Dues for the Millions. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 1.—The college executed at the United States Mint in this city, during the month of April, amounted to \$1,000,000. This amount was made up of \$1,400,000 silver dollars and \$240,000 in dimes.

Will Not Go to the Exposition. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 1.—In the joint convention forty-five Senators and 133 Representatives answered to the roll call. No vote was taken for Senator. A written agreement was circulated on the floor of the House all morning, pledging all who could be induced to sign it, not to go on the New Orleans excursion more than a majority signed.

Caught in Bad Company. HANNOVER, Pa., May 1.—The city has been in a ferment of excitement all day over the raiding of a gambling den, and the arrest of twelve men, who were found in the place. Among the number was J. O'Leary, member of the Legislature from Schuylkill County; Peter Webb, also a member from Schuylkill; and John J. Book, of Indiana, a messenger of the State Senate. These men were all held as witnesses.

Charged With Firing the Palace Hotel. CHICAGO, May 1.—Mrs. Eleanor Hively, charged by two detectives with having fired the Palace Hotel, appeared in the Police Court yesterday morning. Her attorney asked a continuance of the case, and it was set for hearing next Tuesday. Bond had been received, and after a night's repose, the most horrible of her life—the poor woman welcomed the intelligence that she could go free.

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